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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Copies of the United States Patents are not being submitted per the August 5, 2003, OG Notice regarding Information Disclosure Statement filings. Copies of all other publications and/or patents are enclosed.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

### FEE AUTHORIZATION

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